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Doctor Edmund Janes James, fourth President of the University of Illinois, was born on May 21, 1855 at Jacksonville, Illinois, the son of Reverend Colin Dew James and Mrs. Amanda Keziah Casad James. Following his early education at the Illinois State Normal University, he attended Northwestern and Harvard Universities in 1873 and 1874. In 1875 he entered the University of Halle in Germany where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1877.

Following his return to the United States he served successively as Principal of the Evanston, Illinois, High School and as Professor of Latin and Greek and Principal of the High School Department at the Illinois State Normal University.

In 1879 he was married to Miss Anna Margarethe Lange of Halle, Prussia, whom he met while studying at the University there. The three children born to this union—Anthony John James, U. S. N., Dr. Herman Gerlach James, and Helen Dickson James (Mrs. George Frazer)—are living. Mrs. James died in 1914 at Urbana.

In 1883, Dr. James again went to Europe, this time for a year for the American Bankers' Association to make a study of commercial education abroad. On his return home he became Professor of Public Finance and Administration at the University of Pennsylvania. There he organized and for twelve years directed the Wharton School of Finance and Economics. He also was Secretary of the Graduate Faculty, and organized the instruction in that branch.

Leaving the University of Pennsylvania in 1896, he went to the University of Chicago where for six years he served as professor of Public Administration and as Director of University Extension. In 1902 he became President of Northwestern University, serving there until

1904 when he became President of the University of Illinois. Here he served for the last sixteen years of his public life.

During the last several years of his Presidency at the University of Illinois, and especially during the World War, President James worked under such great pressure that early in 1919 his health began to fail. He asked the Trustees to permit him to resign but they persuaded him to take a fifteen months' leave of absence in order that he might recover his health and return to active service. But some months later, feeling that his health would not permit him to return, President James again asked the Board of Trustees to accept his resignation. In accepting it, the Board made him President, Emeritus.

During the last five or six years of his life, President James lived mostly in California. His health improved somewhat following his retirement but later began to fail again and he passed away at the home of his sister in Covina, California on June 17, 1925. Public funeral services were held in the Auditorium of the University of Illinois—the building which was one of his dreams realized and which is one of the monuments to his career—and he was laid to rest beside the grave of his wife in Mount Hope cemetery in Urbana.

No short biographical sketch such as this must be could begin to do justice to a life so full of service, to a character so noble, and to a career so full of achievement as that of President James. In addition to his services in educational institutions, he was actively identified throughout his career with numerous commissions and agencies for the advancement of education, science, and public administration. His achievements were duly recognized by the many honors conferred on him by institutions of learning and governmental agencies. He was a member of numerous learned societies and other similar organizations. His contributions to the literature of education and of political science are many. He has left behind a great influence on education which will be as lasting as the lives of the institutions which he served.

The Order of the Services

Processional—"Dead March" from "Saul".....*Händel*

Choir—"For All the Saints".....*Barnby*

Prayer — Reverend James C. Baker, D.D.
Pastor, Trinity Methodist-Episcopal Church, Urbana

Choir—"Trust in the Lord" (arranged from "Largo").....*Händel*

Address — Reverend James C. Baker, D.D.

Address — David Kinley, Ph.D., LL.D.
President of the University

Choir—"Lead Kindly Light" (Newman).....*Dykes*

Benediction

Choir—"Nunc Dimittis" .....*Barnby*

Recessional—"Funeral March on the Death of a Hero"...*Beethoven*

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Prayer

Almighty God—our dwelling place in all generations—Who alone art the Author and Disposer of our life, from Whom our Spirits have come, to Whom they shall return, in Whom they abide: in this solemn hour we worship Thee.

Thou art the Eternal Lover of our Souls, our Refuge, the Consolation of the sorrowful, the support of the weary. Look in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy bereaved servants, whose joy is turned into mourning. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon them and give them peace. Thou dost bring life out of death and canst turn grief into Eternal Joy.

Enable us all to put our trust in Thee and grant us the comfort of Thy presence that through the night of sorrow we may walk with Thee until the daybreak and the shadows flee away.

At this hour we remember with solemn thanksgiving and exalted joy thy servant—our friend—who has exchanged this mortal tabernacle for that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

We are deeply grateful for his character and spirit, his wise mind, his tender and deep heart, his valiant will, his steadfast patience, his sensitive conscience, his beautiful faith in human nature, his quiet reliance upon Thee thus joining time to Eternity and feeling the pulse beat within him of an everlasting life.

We give Thee hearty thanks for all Thy saints who from their labors rest. We would renew in this hour all fair and noble memories, all high and holy traditions of the days that are no more. Oh that silent and beautiful Kingdom in which we see the fair and lovely lives who made experience rich for us, with the light upon them that comes from Thy approving face and Thy joy in them. Gather and kindle their power in our hearts. Give us grace to

follow their good example, to hold our inheritance a solemn trust that even here we may be united to them in fellowship of spirit and be partakers even now with them of Thy heavenly Kingdom.

These things, our Father, we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who brought life and Immortality to light. *Amen.*

Address

Reverend James C. Baker, D.D.

"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh," and if the abounding sorrow and earnest love in the heart of this community for President James this day could be made vocal, the result would be deeply moving and beautiful. It is exceedingly difficult to speak in measured terms. A great brightness has passed out of our lives and an inspiring voice is hushed. The cords of a long cherished fellowship are broken. A service of profound distinction and immeasurable value to this University, to this Commonwealth, and to the world, is ended. We are together in gratitude and in immortal hope.

We are Dr. James' debtors more than we can say. He was our counselor and friend. The days in his company were among the great days of life. Many an ideal which we cherished was kindled at his fire. To think of him has always steadied and inspired us. He can not become a fading memory. He will remain a living and vitalizing presence; fruitful in enlightenment and inspiration.

And those of us who were privileged to enjoy with some intimacy his friendship can only thank God for so great a gift.

The story of Edmund J. James' life is a record of noble struggle, high achievement, rich experience, happy service, remarkable and enduring influence. President Kinley will speak of his academic ideals and accomplishments and his epoch-marking services to the University of Illinois and to education. It is my privilege to speak of some of his personal qualities.

I attempt my difficult task realizing that you will be busy with your own recollections and will fill in for yourselves the gaps in my inadequate words. But perhaps I will have served you well if I can help to awaken some of the good angels of memory.

I

President James had a remarkable range of interests. He touched knowledge and experience at many points. He moved in a spacious world. He lived a spacious life. This was one of the reasons for his engaging dignity and lofty personal bearing.

Dr. James believed that it was truly the function of a university to take all knowledge for its province, and to exalt all great human values. Into the various fields of research and endeavor in which other men worked as specialists, his trained mind penetrated with sympathy, imagination, and understanding. They felt that his interest was not perfunctory and superficial but deep and genuine. I have heard men working in the most diverse and widely separated departments of the University speak with gratitude and even amazement of the warm appreciation of the President for what they were doing and the counsel and encouragement they gained from him. No wonder that in a time of great crisis for our University the faculty gave Dr. James an unprecedented and overwhelming vote of confidence!

The breadth of President James' life is further illustrated in the special significance which he saw in aesthetic and humanistic interests such as art, music, and religion, especially in a university so largely concerned with the utilitarian applications of science and knowledge. He sought to foster music in this institution. He was a great lover of music himself. (The choir has just sung an anthem adapted to Händel's "Largo" because the "Largo" was a piece of music he could never hear often enough.) Through his planning the organ was placed in the Auditorium. (Its first use was at the funeral of Mrs. James.) He inaugurated the Symphony Concerts and built the Music Hall.

Religion he also knew to be one of the sovereign interests of humanity, and that an education without religion was incomplete. Recognizing the limitations in this field of a state university, he stepped off the campus to encourage the fostering of this interest through the churches

and foundations. He was not narrow or sectarian in his outlook, but was eager to have Catholic, Protestant, and Jew minister to the religious nature and needs of their students. He was also tremendously interested in the Christian Associations. To all he gave freely and generously of his time, his counsel, and his money. It is difficult to overstate the service of President James to the religious life of this institution. Some of us who are engaged in this particular field of endeavor can never state what he meant to us, personally, nor to the work in which we are engaged.

II

President James was one of the most magnanimous—"great-minded"—men I have ever known. He was quick to give recognition where recognition was due, and rejoiced in the achievements of every man in the faculty. He played no favorites; merit always had quick recognition from him. He had no small and petty jealousies either within the University life or in relation to other universities. When a sister university received a large gift for a special phase of its work, I asked him what effect it would have on similar work which the University of Illinois was developing. In a perfectly characteristic way, he said: "It will help. It is fine to have gifts of that sort. No institution prospers without helping every other institution."

Dr. James held no grudges and was quick to forgive. There was a large humanity about him which helped him to see his opponent's point of view and to understand the reasons for his attitude and actions. Consequently he had the unusual ability of keeping the personal element out of all controversy. He was a hard fighter for things he believed in, but there was no bitterness in his spirit. If he was defeated, he took his defeat in good part, and if victorious, he did not use his added strength to injure those who had opposed him. He was entirely free from vindicitiveness, even when he had been personally maligned and abused.

His philosophy was the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln: "No man resolved to make the most of himself,

can spare the time for personal contention. Still less can he afford to take all the consequences, including the vitiating of his temper, and the loss of self-control. . . . I shall do nothing in malice. What I deal with is too vast for malicious dealing." President James moved on a level which had no place for the small and petty controversies which disturb so many of us.

III

President James had a profound appreciation of the continuities of human life and the service of institutions like the University, the Church, and the Home in preserving these continuities.

The University to him was a part of the great society of scholars; to use Burke's words of the state it was "a partnership, past, present and future." The sacred strength of unnumbered lives had been poured into it. To worthily enter into this fellowship was an elevated and lofty calling. Who that ever heard him welcome graduates into the Alumni group can forget the solemn words with which he stated their privileges and responsibilities. His own share in the development of the life of this University was a source of continual and abounding joy to him. "It was great to have had a part in all this," he used to say.

In the same way Dr. James respected and reverenced the Church. For him it was rich with the sense of history—a mighty conserver of spiritual ideals and mediator of spiritual power—an effective instrument for the advancement of the kingdom of righteousness and love in the world. When a group of ministers called upon him one day to express their appreciation of his leadership, he replied to them: "Men talk today of how the church is losing its hold on the minds and hearts of men. I do not find it so from my watch tower. We are indeed going through a period of transition which may see many readjustments; but the clergy of the country today—taking them in the large including Catholics, Protestants, and Jews—represent in the aggregate the largest and most influential force making for the higher life and for righteous-

ness in general now at work in our American life. They are still in a peculiar sense the supporters and bearers of the spiritual interest of society." He was himself a loyal and devoted member of the Church.

And the Family—the oldest institution of the world—how President James reverenced it! In 1920 I drove him on an auto trip into southern Illinois—a trip ever memorable to me—to visit the neighborhood where his mother had lived as a girl and to see the old burial grounds where were the graves of some of his forbears. When a young fellow on a farm where some of these graves were expressed wonder that anyone should be interested in old graves, Dr. James' quiet observation to me was: "Yes, some are as the beasts that perish." In his later years he accepted trusteeship at Illinois Woman's College, Jacksonville, and at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, because of his father's early connection with these institutions. Family memories for him were full of stimulus and power.

To hear President James speak of his rugged and faithful father or his inspiring and beautiful mother was to get a new insight into his rich heart. His own home was a glorious romance in its simplicity, its dignity, its tenderness, and its constancy. Up from the altar of his heart rose

"The incense of a love that burned
Through pain and doubt defying Time."

The beautiful home life of President and Mrs. James was of the kind that keeps faith in the dearest and best things of life, clear and tender and true.

IV

Any account of President James would be inadequate which did not mention the vast vitality of his personality. He had the kindling capacity of a great creative leader. Power went out of him into others. To meet and talk with him was to feel yourself hoisted out of your habitual mediocrities and set upon the high level where you know you should dwell but where you find it hard to stay for any length of time.

His kindling effect upon our University was beautifully stated by Professor Sherman at the time of President James' resignation: "President James taught us to be discontented with the second rate. He gave us a permanent bias toward excellence and distinction. He made us all feel that courage, serenity, wisdom, magnanimity, and creative imagination were at work in his administration, bringing us every year nearer to the University of his vision and ours, an institution in the grand style, the peer of the oldest and most renowned, adequately representing the resources and the intellectual energy and aspirations of a great commonwealth."

V

President James was a deeply religious man. His fine moral earnestness was inspired and sustained by a great faith in God the Infinite righteousness, Love and Goodwill. He used to say to me about great causes: "We may not see their success nor our children. But they will prevail in some good time. 'The stars in their courses fight for them.'" This faith gave him courage, strength and hope for his task. He was eager to understand and connect with the Divine forces of the world. No conviction was more deeply imbedded in his life than that Powerful Goodness is at the heart of the Universe and that the great secret of life was to be allied with God.

"A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing."

This was the great dynamic force of his life, the source of the awe, tenderness, dignity and noble humanity that greatened his heart. He lifted up his voice in praise because of it. Religion illumined for him his loves and his friendships, his joys and his sorrows, his duties and his trials—the whole glorious round of his existence.

In the power of his faith President James looked into the Unseen in quiet confidence and deathless hope. Read again the beautiful words in which he dedicated his memorial tablet in the Auditorium to Mrs. James: "To the fair memory of Anna Margarethe Lange, wife of Edmund J. James, fourth President of the University of Illinois, her husband dedicates this tablet, thankful for his happiness, sorrowing for his loss, hoping steadfastly through God's mercy to meet her again when the night is past in the perfect and unending day."

"Through love to light! Oh wonderful the way
That leads from darkness to the perfect day!
From darkness and from sorrow of the night
To morning that comes singing o'er the sea.
Through love to light! Through light,
O God, to thee,
Who art the love of love, the eternal light
of light."

—*Gilder*

VI

President James was a noble spirit. He made more real to us duty, fellowmen, love, God, immortality. Thanks be to God for such a life! Like many of you, when I heard of his passnig I cried out like one of old,—"My father, my father, worth chariots and horsemen to Israel!"

Call him not dead when he has gone into the coming of the everliving.

Address

President David Kinley

I would speak a word of tribute to Dr. James as a leader and a friend. It is not necessary, even if there were time, to recite his achievements. They are known to all men who are acquainted with the leaders of thought and public life for the past fifty years. They can be read in the histories and other chronicles of the work of the leaders of men. Yet an appreciation of him as a leader and a friend is possible only as we picture in our minds the brilliant and scenic character of his great career. A student at Northwestern, a graduate of Harvard, he was not content to stop his formal education on the plane afforded by the facilities which then existed for higher education in this country. So he sought further formal education which led him to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the renowned University of Halle. While a student there he met his wife, the woman who was to make so great an impression on his life and career and who endeared herself to hundreds of us here during her all too short stay among us.

Returning to this country, Dr. James, in keeping with his temperament and ideals, took the first opening for service that came to him and became Principal of the Evanston High School. Later he became Professor of Public Finance and Administration and Director of the Wharton School of Finance and Economics of the University of Pennsylvania. Indeed, he was its organizer and directed its destinies for twelve years.

About 1884 he visited Europe as an educational agent of the American Bankers' Association and made a report on commercial education which was so great in its conception, so far reaching in its vision, so thorough in its comprehension, that it caught the attention of the business men and educators of the country and laid the foundation

for that great expansion of higher commercial education which has taken shape in the past forty years in schools and colleges of commerce. The report was a masterpiece of analysis and prophetic vision.

After leaving the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. James spent five years at the University of Chicago as Professor of Public Administration and Director of Extension. He left that position to become President of our sister institution, Northwestern University, where he presided for two years. It was then the good fortune of the University of Illinois to secure his services, in 1904. To this audience, certainly, it is not necessary to recount the work and achievements of his great career here. He set new standards of scholarship, inspired new enthusiasm for the higher scholarship, gave new dignity to the scholarly life, and new enthusiasm to students' ambitions. He raised the standard of the work of our professional schools and put the University in its place among the scholarly institutions of the land, so that it was recognized by its associates which had developed the higher grades of University work as deserving a place in their ranks. He reorganized the work offered for higher degrees, particularly the doctor's degree, reconstructed the Graduate School, making it a separate group, and giving its work an impetus that led the University of Illinois into recognition as one of the great graduate institutions of the country. He threw the weight of his great influence to the strengthening of the spirit and ideals of culture as well as of scholarship; of learning as well as of research; of the perfection of the scholarly life as well as of the rugged strength of the pioneer searcher after truth.

In all his spheres of activity; in every one of his varied lines of service, he stood conspicuous for his gift of leadership, his higher standard of work and achievement, his vision and his ideals of social service.

We need not emphasize his insistence on high standards of life, of learning, of scholarship. It is known to all of us. His aim was always the common good by the improvement of educational standards, the wider recognition of

scholarship, the greater intensiveness of research. Through the dust of conflicting selfish aims and fashions of men he had a constant vision of the far-off perfection that is described as the common weal. Individual ambition and individual success were but means to that end, the service of men and the service of God. His educational standards were fixed with that goal in view.

President James had a special gift for what is called promotion and publicity. This is only another way of saying that he dreamed dreams and saw visions of the possibilities for the improvement of education and of human life that do not come to the ordinary man. In his ability to see the castles yet to be built, and the wonders yet to be in education and in the service of men through education, he had no equal. This special gift included the ability to win the confidence of people in support of his plans.

President James was patient under criticism and had the great gift of turning it into helpfulness and the critics into friends. He was wise enough to keep his own counsel, taking into his confidence only those whom he could implicitly trust.

I can not do better today than to repeat the words which I spoke to him twelve years ago this month when the staff of the University saluted him at the close of his first ten years of service here. I said then, "His have been large and far-reaching plans. He has seen the vision and has dreamed the dream. He has planned largely and asked largely . . . With infinite patience and kindly tact and wisdom he has met and solved difficulties and opposition and has overcome obstacles . . . In all that makes a man a great and successful university president, Edmund James has met the test, step by step, through the years he has been with us, raising the University to an even higher level of work and reputation." This estimate of the first decade of his activity here describes the remaining years of his service equally well. Now I say to him, as he watches

us from the top of the highest hill of life, as I said then on his ten year level of accomplishment:

The foothills of the mountain range
Sweep downwards to the green;
And who'd plant truth on the mountain top
Must climb the hills between;

O'er range on range, up peak on peak,
His toilsome path pursue,
And on each peak his beacon light,
While he plans his work anew.

The light from the beacon on each hill
In widening circles sweeps,
And evil, ignorance and fear
Are swept from plain and steeps.

Then up to the light walk the children of men,
O'er the way that the leader has trod,
Where o'er torrent and crag and peak he has blazed
A path to the City of God.

Such Edmund James, is the way you have walked
Through the years of your dwelling time here,
As up the hills of knowledge you've led
With courage, wisdom and cheer.

I give you greeting, Edmund James,
In the name of the women and men
Who've walked through dark and light with you,
And know you a leader of men.

His work is not done. The initial impulses which he gave are finished. But through generations to come the influence of his great mind, his great heart, will be felt in the life of the University of Illinois and the people of America.

Music Sung at the Services

Double Quartet

Mrs. Lloyd Morey	Mrs. F. W. Hoffmann
Miss Mary Hartley	Miss Donnabelle Fry
Mr. H. M. Heberer	Mr. R. I. Shawl
Mr. R. R. Hoelscher	Mr. D. A. Grossman

Professor Lloyd Morey, *Director*
Director Frederic B. Stiven *at the organ*

For All The Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes thy rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

—*W. W. How*

Trust In The Lord

(Sung to "Largo" from "Xerxes" by Händel)

Trust in the Lord, His name we ever bless,
In grief and happiness, With one accord,
He orders all our ways, To Him ascend our lays
In praise and pray'r
Until our journey's end,
O Lord, our souls defend, With watchful care.

Lead Kindly Light

(Sung at the Funeral of Mrs. James in 1914)

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

—*John H. Newman*

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace according to thy word. *Amen!*

Resolution of the Board of Trustees

After a long period of poor health President Emeritus Edmund Janes James has passed away. God in his wisdom has called him home. His death brings a sense of personal loss to thousands of students who passed through the University in his administration as well as to thousands of other fellow citizens and friends in the State and Country. His great work in the cause of higher education and particularly in the University of Illinois is a contribution to the educational life and history of the Country that will permanently endure. He will live not only in the memory, but in the affections, of all who are interested in the great cause of education.

We, his official colleagues, with grateful remembrance of him personally and high regard for his great work at the University, hereby place our appreciation on record by this resolution. We express our common sorrow at his loss and our deep sympathy with the members of his family, who mourn his passing away. Therefore be it

Resolved that the above expression of appreciation and sympathy be entered upon the records of the Board of Trustees as a testimony of their high appreciation of Dr. James personally and officially and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family.

June 26, 1925

Resolution of the Council of Administration

The members of the Council of Administration of the University of Illinois have learned with deep sadness of the death of Edmund Janes James, President *Emeritus* of the University, on June 17th. They desire here to express their lasting admiration of the nobility of his character and their appreciation of his remarkable contributions to the reorganization and upbuilding of the University during the sixteen eventful years of his presidency. They would record their sense of abiding obligation to him for continuing inspiration and most resourceful leadership.

From the frequent contacts and intimate associations between him and his Council, there grew up the highest admiration for his fine educational statesmanship, for his far-reaching plans for this University to which he gave his best talents unstintedly, for his firm insistence upon the best standards of individual and departmental efficiency in teaching and in scholarship, and for his aggressive spirit of public service. Six generations of University men and women are richer for his revelation of strength, purposefulness, imagination, wisdom and generosity.

The members of the Council extend to his family their deepest sympathy and direct the Secretary to enter this memorandum upon the Minutes of the Council.

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Secretary

June 20, 1925

Resolution of the University Senate

The members of the University Senate desire to record their deep sorrow at the death, on June 17th, of Edmund Janes James, President of the University from 1904 to 1920.

The presidency of Dr. James marks an epoch in the history of the University. His vision of university ideals; his understanding and love of scholarship and learning found expression in strengthening various departments and in reorganizing advanced and professional work throughout the university. All who were familiar with his conception of the place and function of a library in the life of a university; of his constant endeavor to enlarge and enrich its resources and his keen interest in having it adequately housed and centrally located will regret that his life was not prolonged that he might see the partial completion of the building on the site of his choice.

His life and work at Illinois have made his fame secure as an outstanding university president and a great leader in higher education in the United States.

RESOLVED: That we extend our deepest sympathy to his family; and that this memorandum be entered on the records of the Senate.

H. J. BARTON
Secretary of the Senate

June 20, 1925

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